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Theft at Sunmart Gas Station, 9861 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. Concord Twp.

On 11-05-2010 at 1454 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to the Sunmart Gas Station located at 9861 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. in Concord Twp. for a report of a possible robbery in progress at this service station provided by patrons at the store. Upon arrival of the Sheriff's Office, it was learned that an ex-employee of the business, one Michael D. Sawyer, a 30 year old white male from Concord Twp. who was just released from the Lake County Jail on 10-29-10, had entered the store and stole \$100.00 in cash, approximately \$1,200.00 in lottery tickets, and approximately \$2,100.00 in cigarettes for a total loss of just over \$3,400.00 from the store. The clerk on duty, Andrew Harman, a 21 year old male from Concord Twp. reported to deputies that Sawyer, whom was known to him had entered the store and forcefully pushed him out of the way before taking the property from the store. Subsequent investigation by deputies and video surveillance showed that Harman assisted Sawyer in the theft from the store which Harman later admitted to. A 36 year old female, one Mona Thomas from Painesville was located after the crime as it was learned that she had driven Sawyer away from the scene in her vehicle after the theft from the store. Both Harman and Thomas will be charged with Complicity to commit Theft and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Sawyer whom deputies have been unable to locate. Sawyer was arrested and charged with a similar attempted theft from this same location on August, 7th of 2010 after which he was convicted and recently released from the Lake County Jail for this attempted theft. Sawyer has a prior criminal history with convictions for Telephone Harassment, Aggravated Menacing, and Theft. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Sawyer is urged to contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office and can remain anonymous.

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